

North Lake Union Metro Properties Master Plan
Public Open House (June 15, 2004)

Waterfront Parcel Break Out Session

Brainstorm of Possible Uses

1. Maritime Use – Historic Vessel Repair / Moorage
2. Small Boat Launch and Facility
3. City of Seattle Purchase for Public Benefit
4. City Harbor Patrol / Fireboat Station
5. Waterborne Taxi Dock

W1 - Maritime Use – Historic Vessel Repair / Moorage

Benefits:

- Preserves cultural artifacts for local/state/national benefit
- Attract Tourists
- Eyes on the Waterfront (Security)
- Compatible with adjacent uses (maritime)
- Community involvement benefit
- Enhanced public access to water
- Exposure to wide variety of people
- Balances activities on South Lake Union with active boat repair

Concerns/Issues To Address

- Requires revenue
- Requires market rate lease
- Requires subsidy or other funding

W2 - Small Boat Launch Facility – Public Access

Benefits:

- Other launch areas are limited and busy (Sunnyside and Ballard)
- Could provide kayak storage for kayak owners who live in condos or apartments
- Complimentary Use with W1 – Historic Vessel Repair
- Good location for water access

Concerns/Issues To Address

- Dock is not made for this type of use
- Dock would need to be remodeled like Lake Washington Rowing Club access

W3 - City of Seattle Purchase for Public Benefit

Benefits:

- Frees site use for non-transit related uses
- Use could be compatible with adjacent City park use
- Other city community uses could be considered

Concerns/Issues To Address

- Purchase would require fair market differential paid

W4 - City Harbor Patrol / Fireboat Station

Benefits:

- If city owned could be used for expanded Harbor Patrol / Fireboat Station
- Would free up existing Patrol property for Gaswork Park use
- Expanded visibility for Police on waterfront
- Adjacent maritime uses would feel comfortable with Police use
- Community benefit with increased police presence
- Could be combined facility with upland parcel to provide a new Police station in the Wallingford area. Since police station was moved to Northgate crime has increased in the neighborhood. This use could also contain public use facilities such as community meeting rooms.
- Could house historic fireboat

Concerns/Issues To Address

- Requires City to swap properties or purchase from County

W5 – Waterborne Taxi

Benefits:

- Is topical issue and is currently being studied, Workshop in July, study underway by King County
- Maintain transportation use under King County Transit ownership
- North Lake Union could use waterfront transit access similar to False Creek in Vancouver
- Compatible with adjacent uses (maritime)
- Un-congested site
- Possible public connection to water
- Supported by many in the Neighborhood

Concerns/Issues To Address

- Requires revenue – No money
- No known transportation demand or requirement
- No parking on site
- Displaces existing uses but may be compatible if need is for landing only
- Further from Fremont than Stone Way Pier
- DNR lease blocks access on part of water side

Other issues put forth by the public:

1. Could KC Metro Transit trade the property to KC to get the property out of transit control so that it could be used for other public uses? Could it be exchanged for the Stone Way Pier or other properties?